

Plans TV series

Scouting rugged — not sissy

by Anne Currie

What turns an active, enthusiastic Cub away from scouting when it comes time to move up?

That question bothered Dennis White, Troop Scouter for 1st Limehouse Scouts, so he decided to do something about it.

The result is a pilot film on the rugged, exciting activities of Scouts, Venturers, and Rangers, which he hopes to carry over into a television series known as "Scouting World."

This is no haphazard effort. There is a professional crew, with \$50,000 funding behind them from the Kingsway Kiwanis Club.

Dennis, a director of the Kiwanis Club, sold them on the idea, by pointing out there are 330,000 young people in scouting today, plus their families, and former members of the movement who may recall their youth as they watch. But the audience he is really after is the youngster not yet in scouting, and he feels television is their medium.

"The Kiwanis have always had the guidance of youth, and crime prevention as one of their main objectives, but I was still surprised when they backed the idea to such an extent," said Dennis.

Obviously a super salesman, Dennis also had a truck loaned by the Ford Motor Company, which carries the crew and equipment on their film trips. The logo on the side of the truck, "Scouting

World," is the name of the television pilot, and hopefully the series.

"In the nine to ten age group peer pressure is great, and if the other kids says scouting is sissy, the Cub backs off from going into scouts."

The day of seeing scouting as tying knots and attending meetings in short pants and big hats is gone forever but some retain that image, says the Limehouse Scouter, "and I'm out to change that image."

The short pants and big hats have actually been gone for some time, and today's scouts wear long pants and a beret.

Limehouse Scouts, Venturers and Rangers made their debut on television last week, when Bill Bramah, of Global T.V. flew into an Algonquin Park island to film them as they used the kayaks the local group had made themselves.

While the local spot was brief, the whole Algonquin Park adventure makes up the pilot show, and will be used to market the series. It includes shots of the kayak-making. Actually five other segments have been completed so Producer Dennis is ready if the CBC or TV Ontario or any other TV station uses the series.

Dennis emphasizes only the professionals such as camera and sound men and a writer are paid, the rest are all volunteers. He noted as a by-

product the boys are gaining skills, with one likely to become a cameraman.

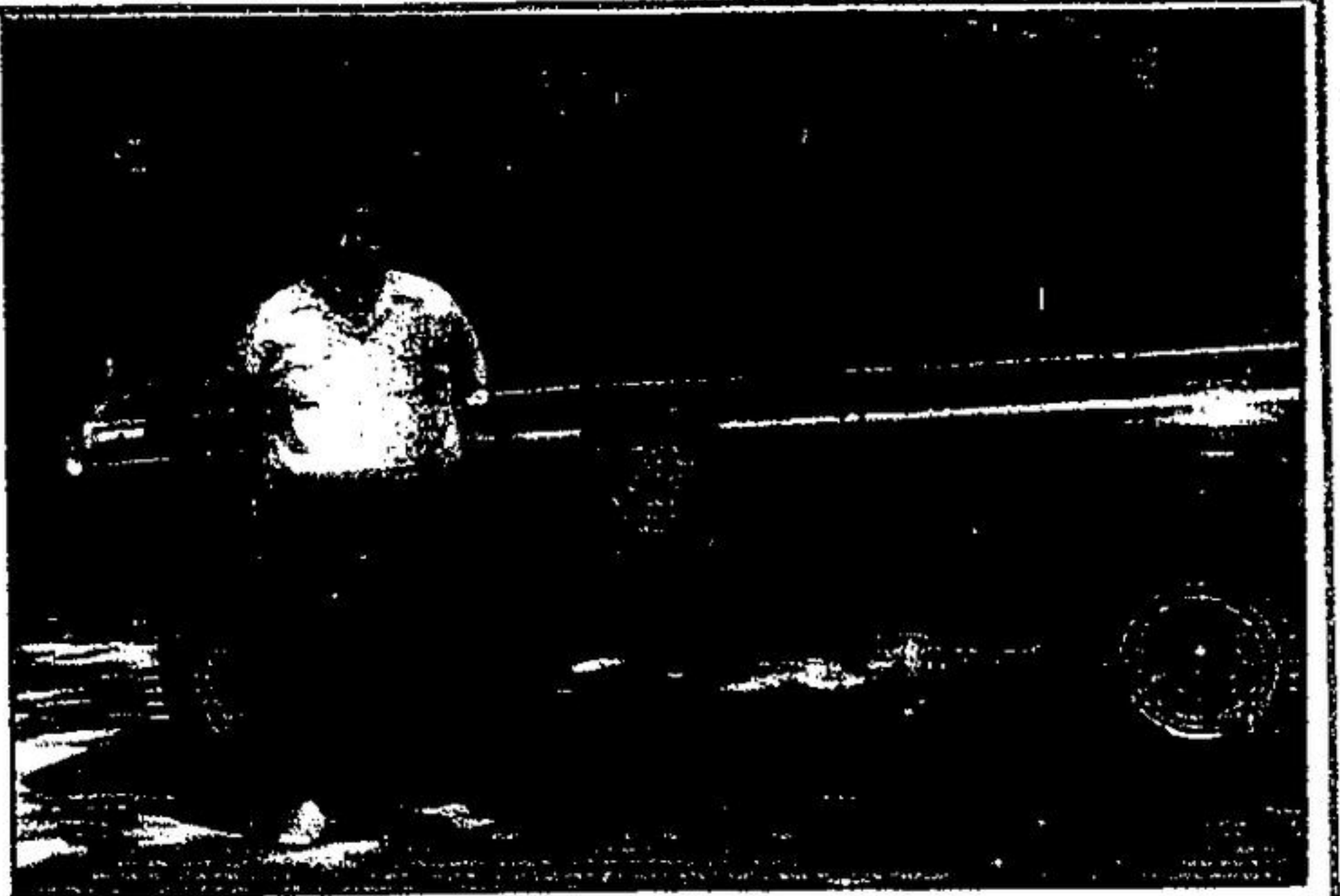
Enthusiastic about the project, Dennis points out there is almost no end to the subject matter, which would also interest the general viewer. "The Algonquin one shows how to make kayaks, and to freeze dry food, so it becomes a documentary as well."

In a story-telling manner hikers can learn how to pack a back-pack, and leave a campsite with no trace of the campers. This type of information is included in one of the segments showing an Explorerhike in this area last year.

And in a revival of the mountain men and plainsmen's necessary food, the scouts show how to make bannock, a handy tip when supplies are running low out in the bush. This too is featured in one of the films, but never told in a preachy way, always incorporated into the fun and action of the day.

One of the episodes planned will see the crew travel to Florida to Fort Walton Sea Explorers, the equivalent of the Canadian Sea Scouts, to film the restoration of a 1901 schooner done by the boys themselves. "Some of them by now are probably qualified shipwrights," says Dennis.

Reflecting the self-reliance theme of all scouting, these American Sea Explorers raised



Dennis White, Troop Scouter of 1st Limehouse Scouts shows the truck donated by Ford Motor Company which is being used to transport the film equipment for a TV series on scouting. The logo on the truck is the name of the pilot film which Dennis hopes will become a full-length series.

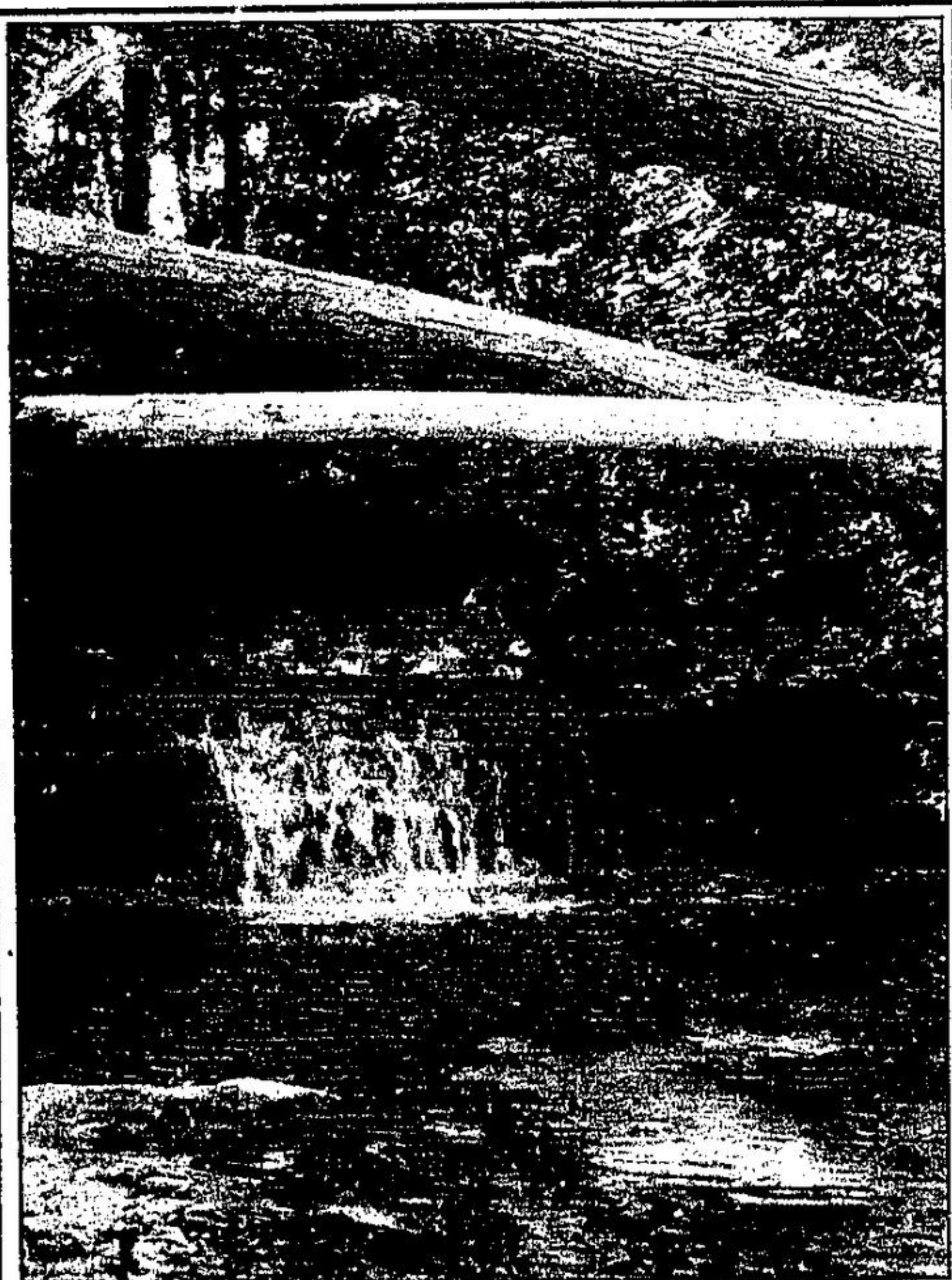
the money themselves by fixing up old donated boats and selling them.

So what is a nice vice-president of Huntington Laboratories doing involved in a film series? It's just the consuming interest in steering boys on

the right path, and the fact he has a friend in CBC who filmed travelogues, so he started filming as a hobby and now he's the producer of a television pilot and hopefully a series. Sounds like a good scout.

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A cool retreat

Hikers along the Bruce Trail through Halton Hills are often delighted to find delightful oases such as this waterfall along 27 Sideroad between the Eighth and Ninth Lines. The brook steps down the Escarpment and flows into sparkling pools which reflect the abundant trees and shrubs.

Johnson wants public inquiry into Acton rest home wrangle

by Anne Redfearn

A provincial inquiry is the only solution to the series of wrangles between Halton Region's Health Department and Cher's Rest Home in Acton, regional councillor Bill Johnson believes.

Johnson stormed angrily out of the regional council chambers last Wednesday when his attempt to set up a special committee to look into Acton rest homes was thwarted by other councillors, including Acton's representative, Dave Whiting.

Furious with council over an administration report containing veiled suggestions of wrongdoing at the Cher rest home, Johnson charged that council was subverting the democratic process by tabling his move for a special committee. "You leave me no alternative but to call for a judicial inquiry," he told council as he left the chamber.

For weeks the rest home, run by Tryphena Cherwoniak of Acton, has been in the news due to allegations that the region's medical officer of health, Dr. Peter Cole, used strong-arm tactics and broke the lock on a medicine cabinet during an inspection of the rest home last year. Councillor Johnson brought the allegations to the attention of the region's health and social services committee last month.

A report found the allegations against Dr. Cole unfounded, but Johnson is concerned that the rest home has

been persecuted by regional health staff. "There are public health nurses in there about three times a week inspecting the place now," he said in a later interview.

A recent report from the Chief Administrator's office at the region mentioned that an elderly resident of the home had been taken to Guelph hospital "after insistence by our Health Department," and had died "a few days later."

Johnson angrily pointed out that the patient in question was an 86-year-old who had been diagnosed moribund in May and had gone to the rest home to spend his last days there. He died almost three weeks after the transfer to hospital of pneumonia and heart failure, Johnson insisted. "The report doesn't mention that," he said. He added that it was the rest home staff and not regional staff who got in touch with the patient's family physician when he

became ill. "Nothing sinister happened, but that is what the report implies," he stated.

The administrator's report added that the Coroner's office is considering whether or not to hold an inquest into the patient's death. Johnson said that malicious rumors have been spreading about the treatment of patients at Cher's, rumors which he believes might originate from other rest homes in the area.

A counter campaign has also been started, with signs and placards in store windows in the Acton area denouncing Dr. Cole, Acton regional councillor Dave Whiting and regional government in general.

Halton region also received a letter from Gerald Punnett, lawyer for Cher's, charging that the rest home is being harassed.

Punnett said he was present during the visit by Dr. Cole last year, and was also present



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during another visit by public health nurses. "The public health nurses were quite surprised when Mrs. Cherwoniak had a seven-day menu planned which had been used by other rest homes and which is medically sound," Punnett's letter said. "I also saw the surprise on the faces of the nurses after they went through the records and found that they were not only accurate but up to date."

"The impression I obtained when listening to them," the letter stated, "was that they were there to try and 'pin' something on Mrs. Cherwoniak."

According to the lawyer's letter, there have been several incidents at Cher's Rest Home

since that time when the patients have gone to the police, and the police have investigated and found no fault.

The letter cited two examples in which assault had been alleged and investigated. "There is nothing contained in (the police reports) that would lead anyone to believe that there has been an assault. These allegations of assault were made to police officers by someone."

In the case of other recent charges about the care of patients at the rest home, the lawyer stated in his letter that when public health nurses were asked to come up with proof, they "backed down and said nothing."

Other visits by health staff and a recent inspection by the fire department have followed. "I am not aware of this type of carrying on at any other rest home in the area," the letter stated.

Punnett and Councillor Johnson both believe that some people, possibly even other rest home operators, are trying to put the Cherwoniahs out of business.

Johnson, who represents the Nassagaweya area of Milton on regional council, said he became involved in the Acton matter

because the people could get no satisfaction through their own representative. "It's not even my ward."

He said he will put together a summary report to send to the province, but will wait until Tuesday's (yesterday's) Health and Social Services Committee meeting, when the matter is scheduled to be discussed again, before making any further moves for a provincial inquiry. If the inquiry is a judicial one, it will be done through the courts. If it is a public inquiry it will be conducted through the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Johnson said.

He is hoping that either a special committee or an inquiry will put a stop to the harassment and rumors which are hurting the business of the Cherwoniahs. He said that people formerly listed to go to the rest home have cancelled out, and that the Cherwoniahs are getting obscene and harassing phone calls as a result of the rumors and adverse publicity.

"I feel a committee should look at it, decide whether there's any wrongdoing actually happening at the home, and have other people either put their complaints in writing or shut their mouths," he said.

Official Plan contains 'subtle changes'

Much of Halton Hills first Official Plan isn't new, the document merely reflects policies previously established by council, but there have also been many subtle changes made, according to Councillor Pam Sheldon who headed up the task force.

At public meetings Wednesday and Thursday nights in Acton and Stewarttown citizens and developers got their first glimpse of the Official Plan which will replace the old Georgetown, Acton and Esqueping plans which have carried on since Halton Hills' birth in 1974.

Comments must be made to the Town by August 20 and then the input and plan will be reviewed by council, any revisions made, and the document sent on to Queen's Park for approval.

Sheldon observed the plan contains little new regarding the two urban areas, it is based mostly on the urban boundary studies which determined which outlying land could be serviced with water and sewers and the downtown studies. She noted it would have been "foolish" to re-study the urban areas so all the relevant points were incorporated into the new Official Plan.

Basically the task force worked on policies for the rural areas because no studies had been done on Esqueping since its plan was done many years ago.

The work on the rural part of the Plan was completed about the time the municipality lost its planner, Mario Venditti. Sheldon noted they realized it would take time to find a new planner so it was decided to hire a consulting firm, the one which had already done the downtown studies, to complete the plan.

"The consultants performed an extremely

important task. They wrote the plan in a format which will make it acceptable to the ministry," she declared.

Among the new highlights of the plan Sheldon pointed to sections setting energy conservation and heritage goals, industrial goals, housing goals have been extended into a series of policies, there was never a section of a Plan dealing with transportation before, etc.

A prime objective of the plan is preservation of

farm land. To this end three hamlets, Stewarttown, Glen Williams and Norval have been designated along with 14 rural clusters. These rural clusters, areas where rural development will be permitted are: Crewson's Corners, Fourth Line and Highway 7, Limehouse, Speyside, Highway 25 and 17 Sideroad, Five Sideroad near Highway 25, Hornby, Steeles Ave. at the Ninth Line, Ashgrove, Silvercreek, Ballinafad, Winston Churchill Blvd. south of Norval, Highway 7 at 22

or any industry with outside storage closer to Steeles.

Three small spots have been made high-way commercial, where the intention is simply to serve the industrial section. Rural In the rural area, where the aim of the Official Plan is to preserve agriculture, there are a few exceptions, but on the whole non-farm development will be discouraged and encouraged to locate in the hamlets or rural cluster areas. Cemeteries are

permissible in the rural area, but only to serve the residents of that area. Churches and elementary schools are also allowed in the rural area, but again the intent is to serve only the rural residents. Any applicant wishing to build a church in a rural area would have to prove it could not go elsewhere. Parks Under the new Official Plan only minor private parks are permissible in the rural area. The definition of a

minor park has been left to the discretion of council. Minor public recreational uses are also allowed in the rural area.

Severances Only in one spot does the Halton Hills plan conflict with the regional plan, at present. The regional plan does not permit any severances for non-farm use, except for farm help or a retiring farmer, but the Town plan would allow a new lot to be created as infilling between two existing houses, on the

same side of the road. Consultant Peter Walker explained this item may not be approved by the region.

and the Fourth Line, Highway 25 and 17 Sideroad, Highway 7 and 22 Sideroad, and Steeles Avenue and the Ninth Line.

Development within the rural clusters will be contained within the cluster to avoid strip development strung along the road.

The problem of private roads will be eliminated under this new plan, since no new non-farm houses will be allowed on a private road.

There are also stringent guidelines for development of estate home areas. Sheldon said the town wants estate development, but controlled. Three areas have been designated estate residential, Highway 7 at the Fifth Line, the Fifth Line north of Highway 7, and Highway 25 north of Five Sideroad. More areas will be considered too.

There is no provision for private recreation centres such as the Yugoslav and Croatian centres in the rural areas.

Another feature is the direction of rural industry serviced by wells and septic systems to the lands along Highway 401.

The Plan covers other aspects of development and land use including the Niagara Escarpment controls; Parkway Belt West; populations and employment targets; mineral resource or gravel pit guidelines; hazard land and environmentally sensitive area designations; controls on farmland, woodlots and forests, and old waste disposal sites; noise and vibration and buffering controls; service and utilities guidelines, parks and recreation development; and implementation for the plan.

Niagara Escarpment controls override the plan and the Halton Hills document generally conforms to the region plan. Consultant Peter Walker observed the Halton Hills Plan must be read in conjunction with the regional plan.

The 10,000 serviced population limit for Acton is reflected in the plan and new housing in areas north and south of Highway 7 and east of Churchill Rd. as well as on Mill St. west will have to be phased based on the availability of water. Sanitary sewers aren't provided for Beardmore or new industrial land north of Acton and west of Highway 25.

Steeles to 401 industrial land